

DIVERS ALL IN THE DARK

The Maine to Be Lighted Up.

A Submarine Searchlight Ordered.

The Spanish Torpedo Squadron Leaves Cadiz for Havana.

An Uneventful Day.

WASHINGTON, February 22.—All the government departments were closed in Washington today, save the navy department, where a few of the officials assembled to receive any dispatches that might arrive and to close the contract with the wreckers for the recovery of the effects of the Maine and the vessel herself, if that be practicable. The signing of the wrecking contract was the most important event of the day, and this concluded the officials closed up shop and went home to enjoy a respite from the rush of the past week. Captain Sigbee was heard from in a dispatch which indicated that close attention will be given to the coal bunkers by the navy court of inquiry.

Washington officials unquestionably have been for some time preparing for any emergency that may arise, but appearances at the department today would indicate that any necessary orders already have been given and that the situation is not one calling for immediate activity at Washington. The Cassin and Cincinnati, in accordance with orders made known yesterday by the Associated Press, are to move north to the West Indian waters, and at Norfolk the monitor Terror has been ordered to be in readiness and may be sent to New York later.

The senate passed a bill to add two artillery regiments to the strength of the army. This measure has been under way many months by order of the war department, who foresaw that while Congress of late years had taken measures for the protection of our coasts by additional appropriations for extensive work and great guns, it had not provided the men necessary to operate these engines of war. Should the location of the bill it will enable the department to carry out plans it has long had in view.

Criticism lately passed upon the state of the army and our fortifications has caused increased activity in military matters and to some extent this is responsible for reports arising from various quarters of movements of army posts. A report was circulated that General Miles, as commander of the army, had issued additional orders for troops at all forts to be on the alert and ready for immediate action, but this was promptly denied by the General's chief of staff. Nothing was said of a similar character occurred in Washington and on the whole the day was free of rumors by comparison with its immediate predecessors for the past week or more.

Probably Lieutenant Commander Wainwright, the executive officer of the Maine, now in Havana, will be sent to the duty of inspecting the work as it proceeds.

The officers of the two wrecking companies today said that after the expedition was assembled in Havana harbor a complete inspection of the wreck would be made and the line of work determined upon. The facilities will be ample that all the divers will be able to work at one time on different parts of the wreck. Most of the lifting will be done by the smaller derrick, which is of sufficient capacity for the lighter upper works of the Maine, but it will take the monster derrick of the March to lift the huge forests of the Maine and the keels mounted within them.

Captain Humphreys stated that the purpose was not to separate the big guns from the turret, but lift them as a whole. This will be a tremendous undertaking, as the combined weight of each turret and gun is 100 tons. The monster cranes lift 100 tons, so there is ample margin of lifting power. The wreckers were loth to express an opinion as to their ability to raise the hull of the Maine.

Mr. Chapman and Captain Humphreys stated that nothing but a close personal inspection would permit a decision on that point. They are hopeful, however, that the ship can be brought to the surface. The iron barge Lone Star will be used to receive the turret, guns and wreckage, and as far as loads are made up one will be towed to the Norfolk navy yard.

HAVANA, February 22.—The court of inquiry opened at 10.30 o'clock and took a recess at 1.30. Lieutenant Holman, investigator and ordnance officer of the Maine, was examined at the morning session. The court met for the afternoon session at 1.30 and Lieutenant Commander Wainwright, executive officer of the Maine, was called to the stand. Lieutenant Wainwright has been in immediate charge of the wreck since the explosion. Four divers were at work, two in the fore part of the ship and the others aft. The task is most laborious, and the men are naturally extremely careful, as they have had to work in complete darkness, and several have had falls. Electric lights from the Mangrove are now available and much good is expected to result from them.

Nearly all the possible salvage has now been made from the cabin aft. The efforts to reach the ward and mess rooms are frustrated by some unknown obstacle. It is expected to find bodies in these rooms. Two cases of 10-inch ammunition have been found, the one having exploded, the other full of powder. These were found forward.

The work of securing the bodies under the hatch has been most difficult in the dark, but it is hoped that the electric lights will be of great assistance. The

bodies are much mutilated and some partially burned.

The officers of the court of inquiry paid another visit to the wreck today. Captain Sampson, after the visit of the members of the court to the Captain General and Admiral Manterola today, said the reception extended them had been polite and cordial. The captain general and admiral had expressed deep sympathy and the hope that nothing may interfere to prevent a thorough investigation. They offered to give any help in their power. Captain Sampson referred to the visits as tending to promote a better understanding.

Among the salvage were the tableware and the silver service belonging to the Maine.

George V. Koebler of Brooklyn died today at the military hospital. All the other injured show some improvement. La Lucha in an editorial today comments upon the unfairness of the United States in making Captain Sigbee the adviser and the assistant of the court of inquiry.

The editorial evidently based upon incorrect information from the United States, as naval officers here say it is impossible under the rules constituting naval courts of inquiry that the captain commanding the ship destroyed should have anything to do with the findings of the court, being in one sense on trial himself. It is made Captain Sigbee's duty to give all the testimony as to the facts in his possession.

La Lucha claims also that the court of inquiry is not constituted as it would be by any other of the great powers, but in this particular the paper is evidently laboring under further misimpression.

MANILA, February 22.—A squadron of torpedo boats has left Cadiz for Havana harbor.

YELLOW JOURNALISM.

A Five-Year-Old Boy Tries to Hang Himself.

UNION, February 22.—The five-year-old son of Jay Gilmore of Manchester had been looking at the newspaper illustrations of the death of the late Theodore Dairant. He concluded to experiment and securing a baling rope tied it around his throat and attached it to a beam over head. He then jumped off the box and when discovered by his mother was black in the face and nearly dead.

To Protect San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, February 22.—The third 10-inch rifle for the Ballast Point fortifications arrived today and will be transferred to the lighter and towed across the bay to be mounted. A large portion of the members of battery D, Third artillery, are now at the works preparing to mount the guns and getting the battery into working condition at the earliest possible date.

A Very Lively Corps.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 22.—Jesse Minner Pendegast, supposed to have died years ago, leaving about \$15,000 in the Alhambra bank, has sent from the Congo Free state a vigorous protest against the proposed distribution of his estate to his heirs. He is said to have accumulated a fortune in Africa.

A Banquet of Blood?

MANILA, February 22.—United States Minister Woodford will give a banquet on Thursday to Premier Sagasta and other members of the cabinet, Senator Bernabe, the Minister to the United States, and members of the diplomatic corps.

W. N. RORR TO LECTURE.

Will Tour Fresno County for the People's Party.

M. V. Rorr, the middle-of-the-road reformer, has returned to Fresno and accepted an offer from the People's Party leaders of this county to deliver a series of lectures. He will speak throughout the county and the dates will be announced in a few days. His lecture tour will commence without delay, and during the next two weeks he will speak in Sanger, Selma, Kingsburg, Fowler, Madera, Kettle, Riverdale, Mendota, Firebaugh, Clovis, Temperance colony, Selma, Fresno, West Park and other points wherever desired. Later a tour of the mountain settlements will be made.

Mr. Rorr spoke in this county four years ago and his delivery is characterized by earnestness. He has a large amount of facts and figures at his command and can always be depended upon for an interesting talk. The People's Party of Fresno have seen fit to engage Mr. Rorr for a series of lectures indicating a strong anti-fusion sentiment. The lecturer is firmly opposed to fusion and wherever opportunity affords places himself on record against any further combination with the Democrats.

On Saturday afternoon there will be a meeting of the executive committee of the People's Party of Fresno county in the office of the Fresno Business College to attend to matters pertaining to the welfare of the party. Among other things means of securing the Populist state convention for Fresno will be considered. The Populists are working hard to bring about this result with good prospects of accomplishing their purpose.

PUGNACIOUS HOTEL RUNNERS.

Hartsough Lands His Left On Smith's Nose.

The war spirit continues to increase, and yesterday there was a lively little encounter between two hotel runners at the Valley road depot because of some ill-defined difference of opinion. The combatants were Runner Hartsough of the Grand Central hotel and Runner Smith of the Ogle house. After sparring for several seconds Hartsough managed to land his left on Smith's nose. This caused a flow of blood and ended the scrapping match.

As a wiping the blood from his face Smith started toward his opponent several times, but was timid about attacking him. A large crowd witnessed the encounter.

A Distinguished Umpire.

SANTA CRUZ, February 22.—Lieutenant Governor Jeter umpired a baseball game for charity today between the Santa Cruz baseballers and the benedictos, the former winning by a score of 24 to 21.

THE KU-KLUX DAYS REVIVED

Dastardly Outrage in South Carolina.

A Carnival of Arson and Murder.

Miscreants Kill a Colored Postmaster, Burn His Home and Shoot His Family.

ATLANTA, Ga., February 22.—A special from Columbia S.C., says: The most revolting crime ever perpetrated by white men in South Carolina was committed at Lake City, Williamsburg county, at 1 o'clock this morning when Postmaster Baker, a negro, and his family were burned out of their home, the postmaster and a babe in his arms killed and his wife and three daughters shot and maimed for life.

Baker was appointed postmaster three months ago. Lake City is a town of 400 inhabitants, and the negro population in the vicinity is large. There was a protest at Baker's appointment, but it was not a very vigorous one. Three months ago as the postmaster was leaving the office at night, in company with several colored men, he was fired on from ambush, but it was not known that the would-be assassin was prompted by other than personal malice.

Since then Baker moved his family into a house on the outskirts of the town, where he also established the postoffice. Last Tuesday a body of men, who kept concealed behind buildings and fences in the neighborhood, riddled the building with shot and title bullets. They shot high, but no one was hurt and it was supposed to convey a warning. It was a short time before Senators Tillman and McLanren and Congressman Horton had asked the postmaster to remove Baker because of his color and the request had been refused. Baker did not move his family and gave no evidence of being frightened. He felt confident of protection from Washington.

At 1 o'clock this morning a torch was applied to the postoffice and Kier's house. Back just within the line of light, were over a hundred white men armed with pistols and shotguns. By the time the fire aroused the sleeping family, consisting of the postmaster, his wife, four daughters, a son and an infant at the breast, the crowd began firing into the building. A hundred bullet holes were made through the tin boarding and many found lodgment in the people within.

Baker was the first to reach the door and he fell dead just within the threshold, being shot in several places. The mother and baby in her arms and had reached the door over her husband's body when a bullet crashed through its skull and it fell to the floor. She was shot in several places. Two of the girls had their arms broken near the shoulders and will probably lose them. Another of the girls is believed to be fatally wounded. The boy is still alive. Two of the seven occupants of the house escaped with slight injuries. The bodies of Baker and the infant were cremated in the building. All mail matter was destroyed. A coroner's jury was impaneled this evening and it viewed the charred remains and adjourned till Saturday. There is bitter indignation expressed everywhere.

Nomination Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, February 22.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of O. W. Mauley as postmaster at Santa Barbara, Cal.

FAVORS SILVER.

Orator C. A. Towne Will Speak Tonight.

Will Hold a Reception and Be Taken Through the Colonies Today.

This evening Hon. Charles A. Towne, one of the leading advocates of silver, will speak to the people of Fresno in the Barton opera house. He will arrive on this morning's train from the south, accompanied by Chairman G. A. Nourse and J. L. Chadwick of the reception committee. The gentlemen went to Bakersfield last evening to meet the visitor.

A reception committee, accompanied by a large delegation of silver men, will be at the 11 o'clock train to meet Mr. Towne. Gray's band will also be on hand to discourse stirring music. The silver advocate will be escorted to the Barton hotel, where he will rest for a short time and then participate of lunch together with a number of representative silver men of Fresno.

During the afternoon the reception committee will secure carriages and escort the visitor through the orchards and vineyards. Several of the large growers will also be visited.

George A. Nourse will introduce the speaker at the evening meeting in the opera house. Seats in the dress circle will be sold, but admittance to any other part of the house will be free.

The Towne family had the opera house secured for tonight, but were prevailed upon to omit one performance in order to give Mr. Towne a chance to explain his views.

SPORT IN SELMA.

Yesterday Afternoon Many Athletic Contests Were Enjoyed.

The Selma Athletic Club observed Washington's birthday by giving a program of athletic sports in the afternoon at their park. Several persons entered each contest, as silver medals were presented to the winners.

The 100 yard race and 50 yard race were both won by Pettit, a fleet-footed Selma lad. Harry Anderson succeeded best in the standing high jump, and R. Munson was the champion broad jumper, taking prizes for both the standing and running jump. Munson was also the champion high jumper from a running start. Harry Anderson threw a hammer further than all competitors.

The third football team and the high school eleven played a game and the latter were defeated with a score of 16 to 0.

There was also a baseball game between the Selma Lights and the Kutner-Goldstein team of Fresno. The score was 18 to 3 in favor of the Fresno nine. Last evening an amateur dramatic company played "A Noble Outcast" at the opera house. The prizes were also presented the champions in the athletic sports.

FRESNO-MONTEREY ROAD.

Colonel A. W. Jones Sanguine That It Will Be Built.

Colonel A. W. Jones, of the Fresno and Monterey railroad project, passed through Fresno yesterday on his way to Monterey. He was accompanied by Mr. James, an expert railroad man, who represents a syndicate of London capitalists who propose to furnish the money to build the road if his report is satisfactory.

The Colonel telegraphed Lawyers Cory and Montrose to meet him at the train here, and expressed himself as sanguine that the road will now be constructed.

RIVALS ABBOT.

Feats of Grace Eden at the Barton.

Interesting Hypnotic Entertainment Given by the Fontanas Last Night.

There was a large and well amused audience at the Barton opera house last night to witness the Fontanas in their wonderful feats of hypnotism, etc.

The first half of the program was devoted to feats of the order performed by Annie Abbott some years ago, and these were truly wonderful. Such well-known citizens as F. G. Berry, John Herrmann, Thomas Norris, A. O. Eison, John Reichman, George Jennings, Sam Wollenburg and others were chosen as a committee from the audience to make the test. Every one of the committee took a turn at lifting Miss Eden, whose weight is about 85 pounds, and they, strong men that they are, found no difficulty in raising her from the stage floor, unless she would it otherwise, and then they were simply powerless to move her. They tried it in two, four and eight without raising her when she resisted them. With equal ease she moved the eight men who were resisting her and did it with but one hand.

One of the best feats performed was with Miss Eden standing upon a chair and one of the committee holding her in the air by either elbow after the chair had been removed from beneath her feet. It was simply impossible for any two of the committee to keep her above the stage floor. When Messrs. Norris and Eison attempted this feat it was as Miss Eden said last night, "Die is to laugh," for so soon as the chair removed from beneath her feet then she came down with a suddenness that disturbed the gentlemen's equilibrium, and all three went sprawling to the stage floor "off in a lurch," much to the amusement of the audience. But poor Gus, I don't think he will ever go up there any more.

Professor Fontana's hypnotic feats were not quite so satisfactory as they might have been, because of the timidly shown by his audience to going upon the stage for tests. There were several very laughable tests made, but the subjects generally, with two or three exceptions, were unknown to the audience, and therefore there were some who were skeptical and believed the feats were not genuine. But I know personally two or three of the subjects, and I doubt very much if they would go upon the stage and go through the antics they were put through unless they were under the professor's control. That better tests were not had was due to the backwardness of the audience in coming forward.

Tonight the Fontanas will give way at the Barton to Spunker Towne, who will deliver an address on silver, under the auspices of the Democratic committee, and on Thursday night the Fontanas will resume their tests and promise an entire change of program nightly for the remainder of the week.

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The yellow war news is taking on a sickly hue. It now has about the color and consistency of a squeezed lemon.

The Fresno and Monterey railroad is not dead yet, and evidently will not be as long as Colonel Jones is in the land of the living.

Those who wish to express themselves on the park question will find positions at the city hall and in the business offices of the Republican and the Express.

The statement is entitled to credit that negroes are as plentiful as blackberries all over the Klondyke country. There are also mountains of gold as big as icebergs in Fresno.

The Los Gatos Board of Trade sends forth the statement that its town is an ideal spot for the location of a college. It seems likely. It has already turned out a good many distinguished graduates.

The Chronicle viciously remarks: "The Sultan of Sokoto is after the French in Africa now and threatens to soko-tonk." If the Sultan were as wise as Solomon he would take warning of the fate of M. Zola and keep on good terms with the little France. It is a dangerous thing to incur French injustice.

The Stockton Mail seems to think that one letter is making the price of wheat for the world. Well, heretofore, big men and combinations of big men have tried that and failed so completely that their creditors required a search warrant to find the remains. Letter is speculated successfully on a rising market, and that is all.

It would be a good idea for the City Trustees to have a park petition placed in the court house also. The building is frequented by many people and the Clerk's office would probably be the best place in which to leave a petition. Paper is cheap and a petition or two more properly placed will result in a larger expression of opinion on the park question.

STAY IN CALIFORNIA.

The New York World, in discussing the respective merits of California and the Klondyke, decides unreservedly in favor of the Golden State. "In California," says the World, "the gold seeker enjoys sunny skies and balmy air; he may turn from his pick and with his bow reward himself with the abundant and varied riches of the field, the orchard and the vineyard. He has beautiful cities where at easy command for himself or his children are universities, art galleries, parks, the theater, the opera. He goes when and where he will in every comfort of travel." The World also claims that the \$19,000,000 worth of gold produced in California last year, measured by what it was exchanged for—necessities, comforts and luxuries—is equal to a production of \$190,000,000 in the Klondyke country. Even if it lies in the gravel beds and quartz ledges of Alaska and the Northwest Territory to equal by this comparison the California production, there remains an advantage on the side of California, in the World's opinion, which can never be overcome. Up there the miner works under most unfavorable physical and social conditions, while in California the conditions are most advantageous. Of course, all this is very true, but the people who want to go to the Klondyke are not looking for the truth about California, but prefer to read the fairy tales from the Arctic circle mines. There is some excuse for those who have never been in this state preferring to try their luck on the Klondyke, but what surprises is that there should be so many Californians who ignore the opportunities at hand to chase phantoms in Alaska. We believe that if all the men who want to the Klondyke from California had shouldered pick, shovel and pan and prospected for gold in the mountains of this state, they would be better off in a few years than they will be when they are ready to slough the snow of Alaska from their torn brogans and return, with frostbitten toes and prodigious appetites, to their friends and relatives.

SENATOR WHITE again announces that he will not be a candidate for reelection, declaring that his personal affairs require his attention. Mr. White has done some good service for his state, and from the Democratic point of view has undoubtedly been all that could be desired. The announcement of his intention to retire at the expiration of his term serves as a reminder that the Democratic party in California has not a man fit to succeed him. There are several politicians who would like to step into his shoes, but they lack nearly all, if not all the qualifications that a United States senator should possess. But even if among the Democratic candidates for the office there were one who possessed any qualifications, he could not succeed, for there is little doubt in our mind that a Republican will be chosen. The indications are that the Republicans next fall will win even a greater victory than they did in 1894, and that they will have a strong working majority in both houses of the legislature. With the legislature

in full control of the Republican the state will be given a fit successor to Senator White, one, in fact, whose tariff views are more in keeping with the requirements of the California producer than those of Mr. White.

The administration is doing well to make preparation for war whether it comes or not. This government has, indeed, been negligent of its plain duty in the matter of keeping itself in readiness for possible conflict with other nations. An inefficient navy and weak coast defenses are calculated to invite trouble and to place the government in an embarrassing position when it comes. There is no better way of preserving the peace and commanding respect and consideration than by keeping the country in a condition not only to repel attack but to make it extremely unpleasant for anybody who trades on the tail of our coat or commits other obnoxious or overt acts. Nations, like individuals, show the most respect for those whose displeasure they fear to incur.

WASHINGTON'S birthday was generally observed as a holiday in Fresno, but it is greatly to be feared that but little thought was given to the Father of his Country by his surviving sons and daughters hereabout. A more general recognition of the day in an appropriate way would be creditable. This republic has produced many good and great men and will produce others, but it will never have another father.

About the most transparent proposition that has evolved out of the strained relations of this government with Spain is the alleged scheme of the latter nation to secure the co-operation of all the Latin American republics in warring against the United States. As a matter of fact most of these republics have unhappy memories of Spain's gallant yoke and would be more likely to oppose than aid the senile old tyrant.

RANDOM REMARKS.

An Austrian lion tamer has invented what he calls the electrical subjugator, with which he can subdue the fiercest of wild beasts. Why not try it on the fellow editor?

Nat Goodwin has married again, once more, another time, this time it is the beautiful Maxine Felt who has become his second wife. He is said to spend a few months with Nat as his better half. So many halves, by the way, have been deducted from Nat that it is a mathematical puzzle how anything can be left of him. The comedian will go down in history as a man of infinite variety (of wives).

"The Little Minister," a dramatization of Horatio's novel of that name, is said to have made an immense hit in New York. Townsend's "Chimie Edden" did pretty well when it was dramatized, but the trouble with it was that the dialect was too easy to understand. The people like to be kept in the dark. The people like the Scotch dialect in "The Little Minister" no doubt fills this public want in a highly satisfactory manner.

Representative Howler from Squeezee, Wyoming, arose and the other members of the house who had just come up from the restaurant in the basement dined with him. "Gentlemen," said Mr. Howler, "this 'ere thing's got to stop. My constituents have telegraphed me that they have burned the whole royal family of Spain in effigy and I demand that the United States Congress get to work on it. If the administration don't get a move on it I'll queer itself with the patriotic people of Squeezee mighty quick. It is our duty to declare war, else we have stood enough from them bull-stickers an' should long ago have rescued the bayonet from the Spanish juggernaut which goes roaring like a lion from one end of the island to the other seeking who it may devour. They have even cut up trochies in Cuba. I don't know what trochies is, but they ain't got no right in this 'ere hemisphere, where liberty is shielded as wide as the heavens and as pure as the snow which comes down in vernal showers upon the just an' unjust alike and falls to a height of six feet in Squeezee. Trochies! Ya God! If there was one spark of American manhood in this administration it would long ago have ordered the King of Spain to take them infernal machines back to Spain an' put 'em in his lumber room. But I diverge. 'Gentlemen, a war would not result in widespread devastation to this country. No, sir; I declare—an I defy contradiction—that the Spanish warships would never get no farther than our coast line. They might reduce New York, New Orleans, San Francisco an' other seaports to ashes, but I'm proud to state that they could not penetrate into the interior. No foreign hordes could lay waste the beautiful delta that surrounds Squeezee. The Spanish warships would long ago have been ordered to leave for the Klondyke in March. No, I say it once more—an I defy contradiction—no Spaniard could break through the rampart of brave American hearts that would guard our coast line, whose every bay is a sort of trap and which cherishes with inviolable affection an honor unstained as the robe of an angel. Squeezee is safe, an' the Squeezians are safe. So let us have war!"

"Gentlemen, I move on an amendment to this 'ere bill (bill appropriating \$30,000 to the Klondyke) that the President give Senator Slambore his passports an' send word by him to the effects Alphonse that we're going to spank him!" (Uproarious applause in the galleries.)

R. M. M.

ROBIN HOOD VS. OSCAR PEPPER.

When Turk makes Turk, and when the wolves are killing.
The gentle lamb enjoys its peaceful rest.
When Paul and Mountie fight the wicked scoundrel,
Awaiting smugly the legal test.
That Oscar Pepper must be fiery liquor—
The stuff would even set old Oscar wild (3);
You get the Jimkins and your pain heads
quicker.
You have your bitter gall and liver riled.
Why do you drink such peppery, fighting
whiskey?
When I have me that's surely twice as good;
When we are merry and as free as you;
When you can get that noble Robin Hood
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HE EATS NO SALT.

Captain Poundwater Experiments on Himself to Prove His Theory.

"Salt is not necessary, either as a food or as a condiment," said Captain J. D. Poundwater, assistant surgeon in the United States army, who is stationed at Fort Hamilton. "A matter of fact, I have found by experiment upon myself that I can eat entirely saltless food with more relish than usual and with no bad results. In doing this I substituted the various vegetable condiments—sugar, pepper, horse radish, spices, cranberry sauce, pickles, vinegar, olive oil, etc.—for salt. When nothing is substituted, I find that there is some discomfort in the stomach. I have been experimenting upon myself since Dec. 6 last."

"The question arises, Supposing it to be true that salt is not necessary either as a food or as a condiment, does not the irritant poison, circulating as it does through the blood, throughout the whole body, begot an irritation or a sensitiveness of the tissues, and so cause a tendency to disease in general? Since I have foregone the use of salt I find myself both physically and mentally much better than before. One observation that I have made in my case is that my senses of taste and hearing have become more acute than before to a very marked extent. Any one wishing to try this experiment on himself will find that there is no danger, provided he uses vegetable condiments as heretofore noted. He should go about it somewhat gradually, however, and in case any especially bad symptoms are threatened he may return to the use of salt. It is my belief that persons with a tendency to stoutness by a systematic use of salt will be grateful for the result and effects."

"The broad hypothesis is that mineral matter (by which I mean that derived directly from the earth) is, if not poisonous, at any rate unassimilable and unnecessary for our bodies. I am not a vegetarian. I eat some meats, but much more vegetable matter than before beginning my experiment. Having little thirst, I accordingly drink very little fluid matter of any kind. Fresh fish, saltless eggs, milk and oatmeal, apples and lemons appear to my appetite very well, and I find that saltless corn is especially good. To show that I have not suffered from voluntary abstention from salt it is only necessary to say that I weigh 177 pounds and have a peaceful sleep of 7½ hours every night. I propose to continue my experiment simply in the interest of public health right to the end."—New York Sun.

ALLIGATORS NEEDED.

Florida Wants Her Lakes and Rivers Restocked With Them.

The alligator as a useful animal has nearly been exterminated in Florida, and the people of the state are going to make a formal appeal to the United States fish commission to restock the rivers and lakes with these old time valuable animals. The demand for alligator leather for manufacturing purposes is on the increase, but most of the skins used for this purpose have to be brought from South and Central America.

Florida had more than 4,000,000 alligators in 1850, but today she has not one-quarter that number, and they are all young fellows, unfit for market except to stock drive museums and circuses. The alligator hunters have destroyed the great swamps at such a rate that there is scarcely any old, full grown alligator to be found in Florida outside of the great overglades.

The United States fish commission looked over the field recently, and visits were made in various parts of the state to see what prospects there were for breeding alligators artificially. Special attention was given to the small hatcheries on the Caloosahatchee river just above Fort Myers, where a private citizen has established an infant industry of alligator breeding. The success of this experiment is important in view of the probable attempt to breed alligators for stock on the rivers in Florida by the fish commission.—Exchange.

Bleped In a Houseboat.

A well dressed, middle aged woman of Decatur, Ala., recently swore out a warrant for her husband, William Bohm, for desertion.

Mrs. Bohm said they had been living happily together near Elinor, Ala., and have several children. Bohm, however, became infatuated with a new looking young woman of that neighborhood just a few days ago while Mrs. Bohm was absent from home her husband sold out all their household goods and some of his stock, took his six children by his first wife and two by his present one, accompanied by the woman of the infatuation, came to Decatur. The woman's story was found to be true. Bohm had come here, hastily constructed a houseboat, loaded it with provisions and furniture and started floating down the river, stating to parties at the river that he was going down into the Mississippi and to live in Arkansas with his family.

Big Savings Bank Accounts.

In only three years of the past 25 have the savings banks of this state increased the amount of their deposits in so large a sum as during 1897. Their holdings now reach the immense sum of nearly \$500,000,000, their deposit accounts number 1,354,329 in a state whose total population is little more than 2,000,000, and the average sum held to each account has for the first time in the history of the banks risen above \$3.00.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Stunk Fresno to a Nail.

A stunk was killed on a railroad track near Landerhillville, N. J., recently. It did not attempt to run away when it was stoned, and the reason for this was discovered after it was dead. One front foot and one hind foot were frozen to the rail on which it stood. How this came about is a mystery.

Chimpanzees owe its quality to light soil, a mixture of chalk, silica, light clay and oxide of iron, and to the great care and delicate manipulation in manufacture.

After the conquests of Mexico and Peru minerals were so abundant that one Spanish nobleman took home three bushels of them.

In Holland the average product for cows is 80 pounds of butter and 180 pounds of cheese per annum.

THEY FEAR BOMBARDMENT.

Why Atlantic City People Object to a Carrier Pigeon Loft.

Some of the residents of Atlantic City do not take kindly to the idea of having the national government establish an immense carrier pigeon loft there, in which to keep a stock of the birds for use in the naval service. The scheme of using carrier pigeons to bear messages between ships at sea and the shore is all well enough, but the Atlantic City people fear that if the central loft and training station is established there the city will be rendered more liable to bombardment by a foreign foe in case of war. This city is the largest and wealthiest of the seashore cities on the New Jersey coast, and it would not be pleasant to have the place blown out of the water for the sake of a few hundred pigeons.

That the government is in earnest in the matter is regarded as certain. Inspector Train of the Fourth Highhouse district was here a few days ago and selected a site on which the loft will be erected. It will be located on the light-house grounds, at Pacific and Thomsen avenues, and the birds will be under the care of Keeper Hills and Assistant Keepers Adams and Houghton. The buildings are to be erected at once, and the loft will be stocked with at least 500 of the best homing pigeons obtainable.

The birds will be principally useful in securing better co-operation between land and naval forces in time of war. Messages will be dispatched back and forth between the vessels and this place and the messages can be wired from here to any point without delay. This will save the time and trouble involved in sending a gunboat ashore with dispatches and will enable the land forces to be more quickly concentrated whenever needed.—New York Herald.

A LUCKY BRAKEMAN.

Coates is the Hero of Several Wrecks and Never Lost a Limb.

Dora Coates, a brakeman on the Cincinnati division of the Big Four road, has in all probability had more narrow escapes in the railway service than any other living man who has himself been together. He has figured in a dozen or more wrecks and accidents, always being hurt, but although he has suffered in a dozen or more wrecks he has never lost a limb. About a year ago he was in the middle of a freight that was derailed by a bridge over a river, and he was thrown from the train. He was thrown into a car, and he was caught with his head against the side of the car. A few weeks after he was knocked off his train by a freight car near Lawrenceburg falling between the cars upon the ties of the bridge, and escaped with but few bones broken and other wounds of less serious nature.

Two months ago near the same bridge his train parted and ran together, piling up eight cars, with Coates in their midst, another miraculous escape with but a few bones broken. A few days later he was walking the top of his train when a tump threw a rock at him. He dodged, but his balance was off a distance into a small stream over which he was then passing. His head bumped into the soft bottom near a huge boulder, but he straightened himself up and walked on. His injuries were internal, however, but in a few days he will resume his duties. He and four serious accidents have happened to him on this date. His friends and people want him, but he hangs at the superstition.—St. Louis Republic.

FOR A PUBLIC PARK.

Mr. Dunn Wants to Borrow Government Island For New York.

Ellis B. Dunn, the weather forecaster, went to see Mayor Van Wyck of New York recently and talked to him about a plan to borrow Government Island from the United States government and use it as a public city park. Leaving the fortifications intact, under an agreement to return the island if it is ever needed for military purposes.

Mr. Dunn says that Government Island could be used as a park, under the terms he proposes, without any cost to the city, the permits for little refreshment stands and merry go rounds bringing in enough money to pay for transportation back and forth. The grounds are laid out now, and no money would be needed for that purpose. If the island could be purchased, \$1,000,000 or \$2,000,000 would be saved in the small park fund.

Mayor Van Wyck was pleased with the idea. He is in favor of getting Government Island by purchase even. The secretary of war, it is said, has declared that he would never consent to the giving up of the island, but Mr. Dunn thinks that he could be persuaded to change his mind. The headquarters of the department of the east, he thinks, could be changed to Fort Wadsworth at Sag Harbor or Manhattan.—New York Tribune.

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Notice to Creditors.
In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California.
In the matter of James A. Roberts, an insolvent debtor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL THE creditors who have proved their claims against the above named insolvent, to appear before the said court, at the court room of Department No. 1 thereof, on the 24th day of March, 1898, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., and show cause if any they have why the said James A. Roberts, insolvent, should not be discharged from all his debts, in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided.
Dated January 27th, 1898.
T. G. Hart, Clerk.

Notice to Creditors.
In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California.
In the matter of W. F. Hanks, an insolvent debtor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL THE creditors who have proved their claims against the above named insolvent, to appear before the said court, at the court room of Department No. 2 thereof, on the 24th day of January, 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., and show cause if any they have why the said W. F. Hanks, insolvent, should not be discharged from all his debts, in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided.
Dated December 24th, 1897.
T. G. Hart, Clerk.

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Special Offerings for This Week.

36-INCH BEST FRENCH PERCALES—

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36-INCH PUNJAB PERCALES—

We are sole agents in Fresno for this wonderful line of English Percale, the best fabric made, and the colors are fast as a rock. 200 beautiful designs to choose from. This week, 12½c yard.

TAILOR MADE SUITINGS—

Also Fancy Duck Suitings in newest designs and prettiest colorings, a perfect fabric for skirts and walking dresses. This week for 10c yard.

27-INCH TOILE DU NORD—

A splendid French Gingham in elegant designs and the nobbiest colorings. This week 10c yard.

32-INCH FRENCH ZEPHYRS—

A handsome range of assorted beauty in a singularly fine fabric. This week 15c yard.

32-INCH INDIA CASHMERES—

A useful and profitable weave for ladies' wrappers and house dresses, in a lovely assortment of light and dark colorings. This week, 10c yard.

MADRAS CLOTH—

This fabric is par excellence the "cloth of the season" in neat checks and stripes, stylish plaids, Roman stripes, and fancy designs in the most delicate tints. It forms the acme of perfection for ladies' waists. This week, 20c yard.

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THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

Fresno, February 21.—Observations taken at 5 o'clock in the afternoon:

Barometer	29.90
Temperature, dry bulb	50
Temperature, wet bulb	48
Humidity, per cent	74
Wind, A.W. miles per hour	4
Maximum temperature for past 24 hours	60
Minimum temperature for past 24 hours	40
Total rainfall past 24 hours, inches	.00
Total rainfall for season, inches	3.85

Weather Forecast.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 22.—Official forecast for thirty-six hours, ending at 5 p.m., February 22: Northern California—Fair Wednesday; showers in the extreme northwest portion; easterly winds.

Southern California—Fair Wednesday; fresh westerly winds.

The REPUBLICAN may be had in San Francisco at the Palace Hotel news stand.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Good table
And good potatoes
At Holland's.

Count seed potatoes at Hammond's.
Kettle-rendered lard at City Market.

Wood and coal at Dorsey & Parker's.
T. H. Applegate is down from Merced.

World bicycles, \$38.50—R. G. Barton & Co.

S. W. Westmore, of O'Neals is in town.

J. W. Baume came up from Visalia yesterday.

R. L. Ruckell was down from Madera yesterday.

Chicken dinner, 25 cents at Universal Restaurant.

Ripe oranges for sale, \$1 per hundred at 355 J street.

J. W. Drysdale of Madera was a visitor in Fresno yesterday.

Now is the time to use gypsum. Buy it of the Valley Lumber Co.

George D. Fleke of Sanger was in Fresno yesterday on business.

S. U. Biddle, the Hanford banker, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Republican business office, telephone main 17. Editorial rooms, main 111.

Miss Drennon of Hanford is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rutledge of Belmont addition.

"Imperial Fresno" on sale at O'Leary's, Rice's, South & Pantan's and the Republican office.

Just the thing to send to your friends in the East—"Imperial Fresno" in leatherette, 75 cents.

The Fontaines again tomorrow night. Reserved seats for the Towne lecture on sale at the box office today.

Ira P. Goode, representing a St. Louis drug house, is in Fresno. He is a brother of Attorney Goode of Selma.

Charles L. Bailey of Toronto, Canada, representing Jessup & Sons, steel manufacturers, Sheffield, England, was in Fresno yesterday, visiting his friend, William Ramsey.

A meeting of the Parlor Lecture Club will be held at the Hughes hotel on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the feature of which will be an address by Mrs. L. Claire Davis.

"Imperial Fresno," showing the resources, industries and scenery of Fresno county, may be had at the Republican office, 1942 Tulare street. Leatherette 75c, cloth \$1.50.

GOOD TEMPLARS UPSET.

Twenty Members Meet With a Road Accident.

Twenty members of Neal Dow Lodge, I. O. G. T., left this city last Monday night in the Yosemite stage, driven by Mr. Hoag, to attend the celebration of the ninth anniversary of the founding of the Oleander Lodge. Coming home the stage was driven on a sandbank, and the occupants were spilled out. Some of the Good Templars returned by the vehicle, which was not damaged, while others spent the night in Oleander.

At the anniversary celebration the following program was rendered:

Organ solo, Professor Drury; song, John O'Leary, Homer Dart, Laura Balch, John A. Grimstead; reading, "Too Late for the Train," Grace Grimstead; vocal solo, Della Hildreth; vocal solo, Mrs. Drury; duet, Misses Knobel; organ solo, Miss Grace Balch; duet, Miss Boyles and Ethel Hildreth; reading, Mrs. Samuels; duet, Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Arnone; song, Miss Lily James; song, Mrs. Drury; dialogue, Laura Balch, H. M. Dart, Mr. O'Leary; song, Mr. Banta (in original Chinese); speech on temperance, Rev. Dr. Mann.

Bound for Alaska.

Monday evening another party of Selma men left for Alaska. Among the gold seekers were Bart Sims, S. J. Gordon, J. W. Barr, Martin Lester, James Mitchell, John W. Fanning, W. H. Goode, William Perce and Robert Johnson. The party will be joined in San Francisco by T. B. Matthews, F. J. Meyer, Will and John Post, W. O. Lyon and J. L. Gilbert. They expect to sail on the 25th.

To Err is Human.

But if you want a good guitar, banjo, mandolin or violin at a low price, call at O. H. Rice's.

Card of Thanks.

Rev. L. T. Barbark and family take this opportunity to express their deep gratitude to Mr. Melton Markarian and family and many friends who showed such great kindness and attention to them during the severe illness of their son at Mr. Markarian's house. They especially thank Dr. Rowell, the attending physician, through whose remarkable skill he has been restored to health.

Rev. L. T. Barbark,
*Pastor Armenian Presbyterian Church.

Chicken Dinner.

The ladies of the M. P. Church, South, will give a chicken dinner today, February 23d, from 12 to 2 o'clock. Dinner, 35 cents. Library building, Fresno street.

Jesse Moore, J. H. Cutler and Wm. H. McHenry's Whiskies sold over the bar at Farmers' Exchange, 1832 Tulare street, Edgerley block.

Miners' supplies at D. E. Co.'s.

But Say.

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FRESNO SOLDIERS

Observe Washington's Birthday.

Perform Difficult Field Evolutions.

Warlike in Their Afternoon Maneuvers, but Gave a Merry Ball at Night.

Washington's birthday was observed by the local military companies C and E, N. G. O., yesterday afternoon. The companies assembled in Armory hall at 1 o'clock and then formed on Fresno street between J and K streets. The regimental band and the sanitary corps were also in line.

Colonel S. S. Wright, in command, gave marching orders at 2 o'clock and the principal streets down town were passed through. The band, under the direction of Major Will S. Scott, led the procession. The Drum Major was in line form and flashed his baton in a manner indicating that he would like to charge a whole regiment of Spanish troops.

Company F, Second Lieutenant J. M. Collins in command, and Company C, Captain G. O. Duncan in command, were out with a large representation of their membership. The blue uniforms, brass buttons and bayonetted guns made a war-like scene. The battalion was commanded by Captain G. W. Jones.

As the boys in blue passed along the streets large crowds witnessed the procession, commenting favorably upon their general appearance and soldierly bearing. At one point in the line of march a blind musician playing a wheezy accordion was singing in a shrill, mournful voice "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground." As the warriors passed him some of the youngsters were seen to turn a little pale at the suggestion of war.

The companies marched to the common near the Pollack's depot, where Colonel Wright directed the evolutions, which were extended order of field movements, consisting of skirmishing, deploying, attacking, retreating, etc. The boys did themselves no harm, but the manner in which they directed the different evolutions. The work is new to many of the men and much patience was required to properly carry out the tactics.

The drum corps furnished loud music during the practice. The sanitary corps also played a part. The corps was supplied with two stretchers and each of the top members present had bottles of stimulants, medicines, bandages, splints, etc. Two men were carried from the field on stretchers, exhibiting the value of such a corps in case of a battle.

Brigadier General M. W. Muller and adjutant Colonel T. J. Hay were present to witness the maneuvers.

A large crowd of spectators, including many ladies and innumerable small boys, were present.

In the evening the gallant militiamen turned their thoughts from fields of carnage to those of social enjoyment. Company C gave a military ball in Armory hall and all was one merry whirl of pleasure from the grand march until the good night melody.

The hall was tastefully decorated with the national colors and a profusion of evergreen. Streamers were reached from the center of the ceiling to the corners of the hall, making a pretty effect. Pictures of George Washington, President McKinley, Brigadier General M. W. Muller and Adjutant General Peeler adorned the walls.

Over one hundred couples were in attendance. The guardsmen were in dress uniform and appeared at their best, while many striking costumes were worn by the ladies. Ritz's orchestra furnished splendid music for the occasion. The affair passed off pleasantly and everyone in attendance pronounced it a thorough success.

The following committee had charge of the ball. Committee on arrangements—Captain George O. Duncan, Sergeant A. A. Devlin, Sergeant M. Magee, Corporal J. L. Cronkrite and Private F. D. Watkins; reception committee—Captain George O. Duncan, Lieutenant B. K. Lennon and Lieutenant J. D. Jones; door committee—Major L. F. Walker, floor manager; Corporal J. L. Cronkrite, assistant floor manager; Sergeant Ed Jones, Sergeant M. Magee, Private Walter Blakey and Private F. D. Watkins.

HEAD, HEART AND HAND.

Children Pledged Against Intoxicants, Tobacco and Profanity.

Mrs. L. E. King of Selma, county president of the W. O. T. U., has been spending a few days at Eastern in the cause of temperance. She visited our school, and few persons are better able than she to appreciate excellent work done in the school room, having spent thirty years of her life in teaching. She is fully persuaded that we have just cause for being proud of our Union Friday she gave a fine address. All present were deeply interested and four new members were received. Plans were made for a medal contest in the near future. At 4 p. m. the children who wished to join a Loyal Temperance Legion came in from school, and twenty-five took the triple pledge against intoxicants, tobacco and profanity, saying by their salute, "I give my head, my heart and my right hand to work for God and home and every land." Later the Union gave a reception, serving refreshments in the paragon rooms, above the St. E. hall. About seventy-five were present, including all our teachers, except Miss Dowell, who was sick.

Mrs. King is the right woman in the right place. We wish she might be able to visit every school district in our county, and encourage adults and children to work for the overthrow of the liquor traffic.

Easton, February 22, 1898.

TWO ROOM WORKERS.

At an early hour this morning Constable Dunham was notified of the presence of two smooth room "workers" in this city, who entered a downtown lodging house and secured a pair of gold rimmed spectacles. They were afterward seen at the depot, and a telegram was sent to Bakersfield for their arrest.

MARRIED.

GIBBS-RODGE—At St. Paul's church, February 20, 1898, Rev. J. E. Carpenter officiating, Miss B. Gibbs and Cora B. Rodge, both of Fresno.

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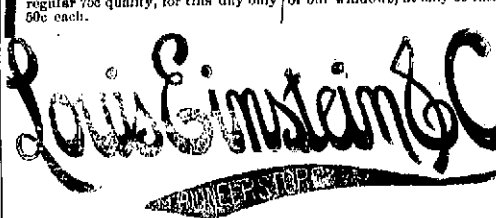
While our assortment is as yet far from complete, we are already showing a good line of Dress Skirts.

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